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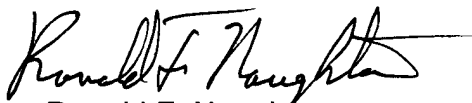
**REMARKS**

The above proposed amendments are submitted to place the claims in substantially the same condition as the claims which have been amended in the International Application PCT/JP98/04298. In addition claim 22 which was dependent on claim 1 has also been canceled. Early and favorable action is awaited.

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